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GOOD NEWS IS, I'M NOT ALONE. I CAN ALMOST HEAR SUPERMAN NOW...
JUST A GUESS, BUT I'D SAY THESE PARA-DEMONS AREN'T RUNNING SCARED BECAUSE OF US, THOR!
AYE! I KNOW NOT THIS DEVIL NAMED DARKSEID-- BUT I, TOO, SENSE HE HAS A WRATH TO RIVAL GREAT ODIN'S!
AND MAGNETO'S EGO REMINDS ME OF ANOTHER MAN-WHO-WOULD-BE-KING CALLED LUTHOR!
THOSE TWO WILL DESTROY THIS PLANET! WE NEED TO GET THE JLA AND AVENGERS TOGETHER-- A.S.A.P.!
MEANING, IN THIS CASE, THE ORIGINAL TEAMS FROM A DECADE AGO, OF COURSE!
SO BE IT!
WHAT?! HOW--?

MY DOING, SUPERMAN.
THE MINUTE I HEARD THE ULTIMATUM, I SENT OUT ORDERS OVER THE AVENGER'S HEADSET RADIOS TO RENDEVOUS HERE.
WE'LL NIP THIS BLITZKRIEG IN THE BUD.
EXCUSE ME--CAPTAIN AMERICA? IN ORDER TO DEPOSE OF THESE SELF-PROCLAIMED KINGS...
...WE NEED TO FIRST FIND THEIR CASTLE! ANYONE KNOW WHERE THAT MAY BE?
DON'T SWEAT, AQUAMAN--WE GOT THAT COVERED!
"WE" BEING--WONDER GIRL, IMPULSE, CAPTAIN MARVEL JR., SUPERBOY AND--IN EYE-CATCHING BLACK-AND-YELLOW--THE X-MEN!
IF YOU COULD ALL DIRECT YOUR ATTENTION TO OUR VISORED ADVISOR KNOWN AS CYCLOPS...
I COULD'VE LEVITATED MYSELF, SUPERBOY...
NO PROBLEM, MARVEL GIRL! MY PLEASURE--REALLY!

THANKS, BEAST-- BUT YOU COULD'VE TOLD THEM THE VILLAINS ARE ON AN ORBITING BASE CALLED ASTEROID M.
AND HOW'D YOU KIDS KNOW THAT? HOW'D YOU EVEN KNOW WHERE WE WERE? I DON'T LIKE THIS...
THEY KNEW THE SAME WAY THAT I ALSO KNOW YOUR NAME, GREEN LANTERN-- THE TELEPATHIC POWERS OF PROFESSOR X!
THIS IS NO TIME FOR BICKERING-- MY MENTAL SCAN REVEALED AN ARMY OF EVIL MUTANTS AND GODS MARSHALLING THEIR FORCES!
I KNOW ALL OF YOU AREN'T FROM THIS UNIVERSE-- BUT IF OUR PLANET FALLS, I FEAR YOURS WILL NOT BE FAR BEHIND!
EVIL'S THE SAME IN ANY UNIVERSE, PROFESSOR... IN ANY ERA.
THAT'S WHY IT'S A NEVERENDING BATTLE.
SIMPLE, BUT STIRRING-- SO WE'RE ALL IN, RIGHT? SO NOW WE BUDDY-UP AND FIGHT THE BAD GUYS!
I DON'T KNOW-- MAYBE WE SHOULD STICK TOGETHER AS ONE BIG TEAM...
WHAT WE NEED, GIANT-MAN, IS A SMALL-BUT-POWERFUL STRIKEFORCE TO ATTACK ASTEROID M, WHILE THE REST OF US HANDLE EARTH-BOUND THREATS.
A
WE ALSO NEED TRANSPORT TO THE ASTEROID...

THAT'S MY CUE! MAYBE THE PORTAL-ENTRANCE IS A BIT OVER THE TOP...
HEY--I CAN SOLVE ALL YOUR PROBLEMS! WHAT YOU NEED IS--ME!
ACCESS!
UNLIMITED ACCESS!
...BUT FOR THE FIRST TIME, I'M MORE THAN JUST A COSMIC HALL MONITOR--I CAN ACTUALLY DO SOMETHING! IT KINDA GOES TO MY HEAD...
...FOR ABOUT TWO SECONDS.
WELL, I THINK THERE'RE SOME THINGS WE SHOULDN'T HAVE ACCESS TO--CERTAIN COLOR COMBOS, SAY?
RIGHT, STRANGER?
STRANGER? EVERYONE KNOWS REDWING--THE AVENGING WONDER!
UM... SORRY, RED--BUT WE'RE WITH THE WASP.
SEE THE BLANK STARES? YOUR REPUTATION DOES NOT PROCEED YOU.
ACTUALLY, BLACK CANARY, MOST OF YOU DO KNOW HIM...OR PART OF HIM! SEE, UM, HE'S ROBIN AND ANGEL--COMBINED!
HE'S...BOTH? I DON'T GET IT. SLOW DOWN...
COOL, HUH?
WELL, AT LEAST I HAVE ICEMAN ON MY SIDE.
OKAY. FIRST OF ALL--THIS HAS HAPPENED BEFORE. THEY'LL BE FINE. THEY'RE NOT HURT.
WHAT'S DIFFERENT IS I JUST FOUND OUT I HAVE THE POWER TO DO IT--TO TAKE TWO PEOPLE AND MAKE THEM INTO ONE...AMALGAM!
BETTER MAKE IT FAST. NO TELLING WHAT THEY'RE UP TO...

...ON ASTEROID M!
SO YA SEE, KALIBASH--
KALIBAK! MY NAME IS KALIBAK! IT IS A NAME FEARED THROUGHOUT THE COSMOS!
YEAH. WHATEVER.
ANYWAY, LIKE I WAS SAYIN'--TA GET A PHYSIQUE LIKE MINE, YA GOTTA WORK REAL HARD AT DOIN' NOTHIN'!
LIKE NOW, F'R INSTANCE. I AIN'T GONNA MOVE ONE INCH--AN' NOTHIN' CAN MOVE THE BLOB IF HE DON'T WANNA!
BLUBBERY BUFFOON! KALIBAK IS THE DESTROYER! HE CAN TOPPLE EMPIRES--AND HE SHALL TOPPLE ING YOU!
WHOA, NELLIE!
KRINK
THE FLOOR!
WHAT TRICKERY IS THIS THAT SNATCHES VICTORY FROM MY STEEL GRIP?

SHEESH! ANYONE KNOW WHAT THIS RUBE'S JAWIN' ABOUT?

I DARE SAY HE LEARNED THAT MASTERMIND'S ILLUSIONS CAN FOOL EVEN A SO-CALLED GOD! HA HA HA!
WE WILL SEE WHO LAUGHS LAST, WORM...

...ONCE YOU'VE TASTED THE WRATH OF THE GODS... AND THE POWER OF LASHINA!
KREK!
AGH!

THINK YOU'RE TOUGH, LEATHER LADY? TRY FIGHTING SOMEONE WHO CAN FIGHT BACK...
...LIKE SABRETOOTH!
SCHRIPP!

FOOLISH MORTAL--FOR A LESSON IN RETRIBUTION, NONE IS AS RELENTLESS AS DEVILANCE, THE PURSUER!

AND IF YOU TAKE ON ONE MUTANT, YOU TAKE ON ALL OF US!
QUICK-SILVER--!
NO, MYSTIQUE! PLAY YOUR PETTY GAMES--BUT MY SISTER AND I SHALL HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS MADNESS!

STOMPA SAYS... STAY!
WANDA!
BWOOM!
DO NOT WORRY OVER ME, PIETRO...

...THE SCARLET WITCH'S HEX POWER WILL BE--HOW DO THEY SAY?--PUTTING A CRAMP IN THE HEAVY-FOOTED ONE'S STYLE!
:GH!: STOMPA'S LEG!

I'M AFRAID I MUST ASK YOU TO CEASE YOUR MUTANT SPELLCASTING, MY DEAR, OR EVEN YOUR BROTHER WON'T BE QUICK ENOUGH...
...TO SAVE YOUR PORCELAIN FEATURES FROM THE DARK SKILLS OF KANTO, THE MASTER ASSASSIN!

VEEEP
VEEEP
VEEEP
HEAR ME--HEAR DESAAD! THE TIME HAS COME!
WE MUST PREPARE TO MAKE OUR ENEMIES SUFFER! THEY MUST FEEL THE PAIN OF DEFEAT FOR AGES UNENDING!
QUICKLY! THE MASTERS WISH TO SEE TOAD AND VIRMIN VUNDABAR --AT ONCE!
ANYTHING FOR THE MASTERS! IT MUST BE VERY IMPORTANT!
FOR ONE OF US, AT LEAST.
LORD MAGNETO... SUPREME DARKSEID...
HAIL! VIRMIN VUNDABAR REPORTING AS ORDERED--READY TO HELP PLAN OUR BATTLE--AND ULTIMATE VICTORY!
OR...OR WHATEVER ELSE YOU WANT US TO DO...
...MUH-MASTERS...

QUIT GROVELING, TOAD! TODAY IS THE REALIZATION OF MY DREAM! FROM THIS MOMENT ON, NO ONE WILL RAISE A HAND AGAINST MUTANTS EVER AGAIN...
...AND THERE IS A PART FOR YOU IN THIS! A ROLE THAT ONLY YOU COULD PLAY!
AND YOU, VUNDABAR.
I'M CERTAIN YOUR WAR PLANS ARE... FASCINATING-- BUT PLEASE GIVE MY HOODED COMPANION A MOMENT OF YOUR TIME
YOU SEE, MAGNETO AND I AGREE THE MOST USEFUL QUALITY IN BOTH OF YOU...
...IS THAT YOU ARE EXPENDABLE!
NEIN--!
AAAAA--!
AAAAAAA
HEH! PAIN...
...GLORIOUS PAIN...
DO YOU SEE, DARKSEID? THE FOOLISH HUMANS APPROACH, JUST AS YOU SAID THEY WOULD.
STRANGE--I HAVE NEVER SEEN A SHIP QUITE LIKE THEIRS.
I BELIEVE, MAGNETO, THAT IT IS CALLED..

"...THE JUSTICE LEAGUE SATELLITE!"

HEY--I'M IMPRESSED!

I MEAN, I'VE MADE PEOPLE CROSS OVER FROM ONE UNIVERSE TO THE OTHER--BUT NEVER ANYTHING LIKE THIS!

NOT EXACTLY INCONSPICUOUS, BUT IT DOES HAVE ELECTRONIC CLOAKING--NOT TO MENTION FORCE-FIELDS, IF WE NEED THEM

AND SO WHAT IF THEY KNOW WE'RE COMING...

GANWK!

...THEY'LL NEVER GUESS WHO'S COMING!

YEAH, EVERYTHING'S GOING SMOOTHLY...

KLTCH

KNKK

CHFFF!

--TOO SMOOTHLY! DON'T YOU THINK WE SHOULD'VE BEEN ATTACKED OR SOMETHING BY NOW?

DON'T WORRY, ACCESS--WHATEVER THEY'VE GOT UP THEIR SLEEVES, WE'VE GOT A FEW SURPRISES OF OUR OWN!

OPEN THE AIRLOCK!

EVERYONE AGREED THE BEST WAY TO GET THE SMALLEST, MOST POWERFUL TEAM WAS TO COMBINE FORCES.
THEY JUST DIDN'T EXPECT TO DO IT MY WAY.
BUT WITH THE FATE OF TWO UNIVERSES IN THE BALANCE, NO ONE COMPLAINED ABOUT SENDING IN THE MOST AMAZING ARRAY OF AMALGAMATED ARCHETYPES EVER ASSEMBLED!
REDWING!
WONDER WASP!
GREEN GOLIATH!
CAPTAIN AMERICA JR!
THOR-EL!
JEAN BLACK!
QUICK FREEZE!

THEY ROCKET N-- READY TO GIVE 200% TO SAVE A WORLD THAT SN'T REALLY THE.RS! TOO BAD THE MAIN ROOM'S...
EMPTY. ANYONE GOT SUGGESTIONS HOW WE SHOULD HANDLE SEARCHING THE OTHER CHAMBERS?
CAREFULLY.
IT DOESN'T TAKE THE WISDOM OF LINCOLN TO REALIZE THIS S PROBABLY A TRAP!
THEN THE ENERGY MALLET OF THE KRYPTONIAN THUNDER GOD STANDS READY!
THIS REMINDS ME OF THE DIS-APPEAR NG LIVING ERASERS OF QWARD-- REMEMBER THEM, MY WINSOME PRINCESS?
YOU KIDDING? I NEVER FORGET SEEING LONG GREEN IN AC-TION--AND I'M NOT JUST TALKING SHOPPING SPREES!
YEAH, THIS SET-UP S GOT ME THINKING, TOO. QU CK FREEZE
I M THINKING THIS S EXACTLY WHERE THE BAD GUYS WANT US TO BE...

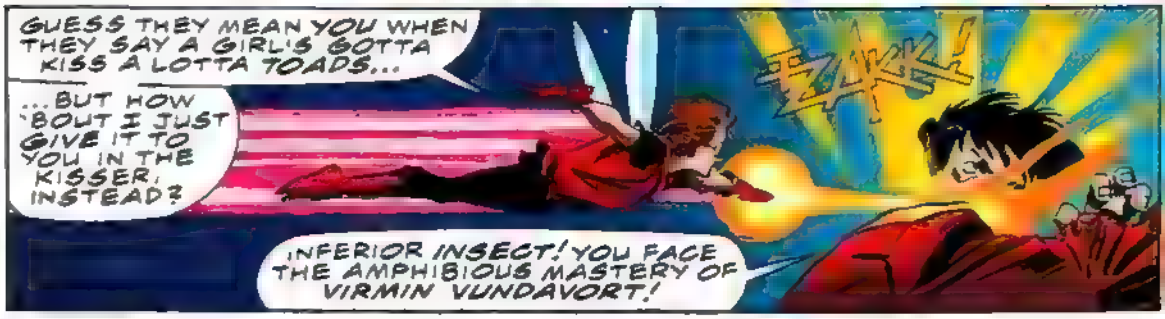
WHY--YOU MUST VE READ OUR MINDS, DEAR!
TREMBLE, MORTALS! FEAR THE MUTANT MIGHT OF THE BROTHERHOOD OF EVIL GODS!

X-LEAGUE ASSEMBLE!
...CUTTING EDGE!
HAH! LET FIRST BLOOD BE DRAWN BY SABREBAK!
NOT TODAY, VILLAIN--EVEN IF IT TAKES ALL THE STRATEGY OF EISENHOWER! I CAN MUSTER TO BRING YOU DOW--
--NNG!
I'M WATCHING THIS ON THE JLA MONITOR SYSTEM--TOTALLY NUMB 'CAUSE I THOUGHT THINGS COULDN'T GET ANY WEIRDER...
...NOT TO MENTION I THOUGHT I WAS THE ONLY GUY WHO COULD EVEN MAKE AMALGAMS!
SO MUCH FOR MY FIFTEEN MINUTES OF FAME! GUESS I'M NO LONGER...
HOW VERY AMERICAN--TALKING TOUGH WHILE SAFELY SHIELDED...

GRARRGH!
...BUT WITHOUT THAT SHIELD, YOUR LIFE IS IN THE HANDS OF THE GODS!
AND THAT LIFE 'S ABOUT TO BE CUT SHORT--!

KOOM!
BY RAO-- I SAY THEE NAY!

I SHALL BE EXILED TO THE VALHALLA ZONE BEFORE ALLOWING SUCH DARK DEEDS TO TRANSPIRE!
DELUDED FOOL!
NO MANUFACTURED MYTH WILL EVER STOP THE MASTER OF MAGNETISM!


GUESS THEY MEAN YOU WHEN THEY SAY A GIRL'S GOTTA KISS A LOTTA TOADS...
...BUT HOW 'BOUT I JUST GIVE IT TO YOU IN THE KISSER, INSTEAD?
ZAKK!
INFERIOR INSECT! YOU FACE THE AMPHIBIOUS MASTERY OF VIRMIN VUNDAVORT!

I THINK MY HEAD'S GONNA EXPLODE!
S THIS HAPPENING BACK ON EARTH, TOO? BETTER CHECK IT WITH. .

...PROFESSOR X! THINGS HAVE GOTTEN REAL STRANGE UP HERE--
--AND YOU WANT ME TO LOOK IN ON THE OTHER TEAMS TELEPATHI-CALLY?

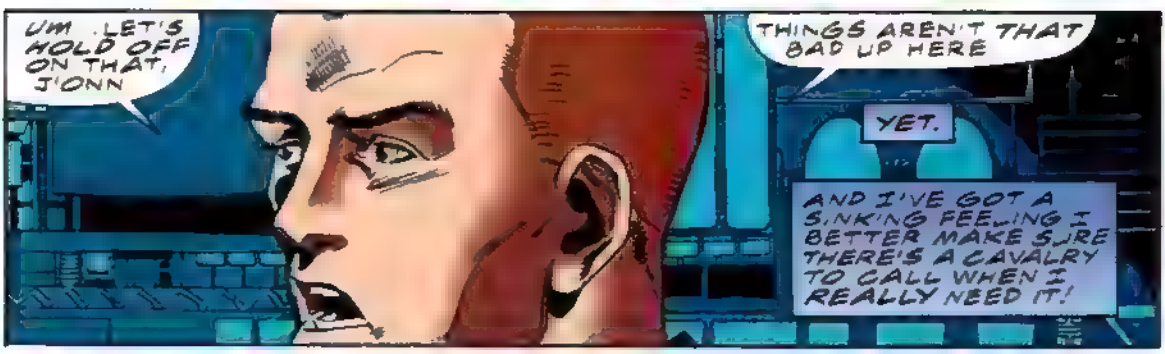
...IN UPTOWN MANHATTAN.
SIX PARADEMONS TO GO.
FIVE
FOUR
THREE
ZERO.
ZAP
ZOK
ZEK
OF COURSE, ACCESS-- LET ME SEE WHAT COMES TO MIND...

NICE WORK, FLASH. HOPE I DIDN'T SLOW YOU DOWN TOO MUCH...
ME? I WAS JUST IN YOUR WAY, CYCLOPS!
OH, I DON'T THINK--
WELL, I NEVER COULD'VE--

...NEAR THE NEW CANAAN SUBMARINE YARDS...
FEH! IT HAS NO WEAPON THAT COULD POSSIBLY STOP THE DEEP SIX!
BROTHERS--ONE OF THE LOWLIES' SUBMERSIBLES IS TARGETING US!
BA-BOOM!
BA-BOOM!
SORRY, FELLAS--BUT AQUAMAN AND I ARE GOING TO HAVE TO TORPEDO YOUR PLANS!
HA! VERY CLEVER!
YOU AREN'T AS EMOTIONLESS AS I WOULD HAVE THOUGHT, IRON MAN! YOUR HERO'SM CLEARLY COMES FROM THE HEART!
YEAH, THAT'S ONE WAY OF PUTTING IT...
...AND IN GREENWICH VILLAGE
STEP OFF! BEIN' HIT ON BY A CHOP-QUEEN DOUBLE-BAGGER DOESN'T COME CLOSE TO LIVIN' LARGE, MAD HARRIET!
DIE!
HERCULES
UM... WHAT DID YOU SAY?
POSITIVELY, BERNADEATH--BUT IRRESPECTIVE OF PERICULOUS PREDILECTIONS, MY PROSPECTUS IS TO PREVENT THAT PESTIFEROUS PROCEEDING!

EVERYTHING IS AS TO BE EXPECTED WITH THE GROUND TEAMS, ACCESS
IF YOU'RE CONCERNED WITH THE BATTLE ON ASTEROID M, PERHAPS WE SHOULD CONTACT J'ONN J'ONZZ...

NO NEED, PROFESSOR, IT WAS HARD TO MISS ACCESS'S PANICKED TONE EARLIER-- I'VE BEEN MENTALLY EAVESDROPPING EVER SINCE.
GOOD THING I WAS HELD IN RESERVE. I CAN REACH THE SATELLITE IN A MATTER OF MINUTES...


UM .LET'S HOLD OFF ON THAT, J'ONN
THINGS AREN'T THAT BAD UP HERE
YET.
AND I'VE GOT A SINKING FEELING I BETTER MAKE SURE THERE'S A CAVALRY TO CALL WHEN I REALLY NEED IT!

YOUR AERIAL MANEUVERS DON'T IMPRESS KANTIQUE, REDWING!
MY PARALI-NET WILL CATCH YOU AS EASILY AS IT WOULD ANY LOW-FLYING BIRD!

YEAH, WELL, I BET MOST BIRDS DON'T CARRY ACID-SPRAY...
...AND I'M SURE THEY WEREN'T TRAINED BY THE MOST SKILLED FIGHTER ALIVE-- BAT-X!

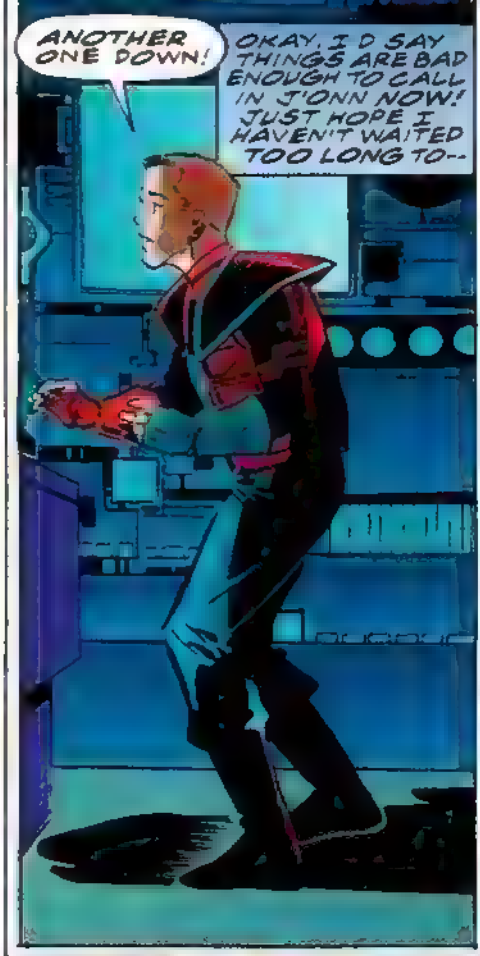
IN THE WORLD OF THE QUICK AND THE DEAD, YOUTH--NO MATTER HOW FAST YOU ARE...
...IT IS AS IF YOU ARE STANDING STILL IN THE EYES OF SILVER-LANCE!
CHUMP!
OOOH--I'M SHAKING, LANCE! WHEN IT COMES TO ICE STATUES, YOU ARE ONE COLD CUSTOMER!
BUT AGAINST THE REAL, LIVING QUICK FREEZE? OKAY--YOU'VE GOT A CHANCE...
...A SNOWBALL'S CHANCE!
WUD!
WUD!
WUD!
WUD!
WUD!
WUD!
THINK YOU CAN ESCAPE THE LONG ARM OF THE LAW THAT EASY, BUDDY? YOU'RE MAKING ME LAUGH!
YEAH, I'M ONE JOLLY GIANT HERE! HO HO HO!
GUESS THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO DEAL WITH A ROBED RODENT LIKE YOU...

...BUILD A BIGGER MOUSETRAP!
YOU UNDERESTIMATE DISASTERMIND, MY EMERALD ENEMY! THE ONLY TRAP SPRUNG HERE IS OF MY MAKING...
...AND IT IS AS REAL AS YOUR DEEPEST FEAR!
:GHHK!:
YELLOW... HELPLESS... CUH-CAN'T.
:HUK-.!:
AHA! I KNEW YOU COULD NOT LONG AVOID THE BITE OF VUNDAVORT'S VOLT-GUN!
ZOK!
NO!
DID I MENTION I HAVE THIS COMPULSION TO PULL THE WINGS OFF FLIES?

DID I MENTION I'M FAKING?
WAM!
IT'S NO SURPRISE YOUR TINY TEAMMATE DOES WELL, JEAN BLACK--BUT YOU FACE THE SORCEROUS BANDS OF RED LASH!
I TAKE IT YOU'VE NEVER HEARD OF SONIC-PSIONICS, GIRLFRIEND? TRUST ME.
...THEY'RE A SCREAM!
HEY, STOP IT--YER MAKIN' BLOBBA'S EARS HURT!
AIN'T NO WAY TA TREAT A LADY!
FOOM!

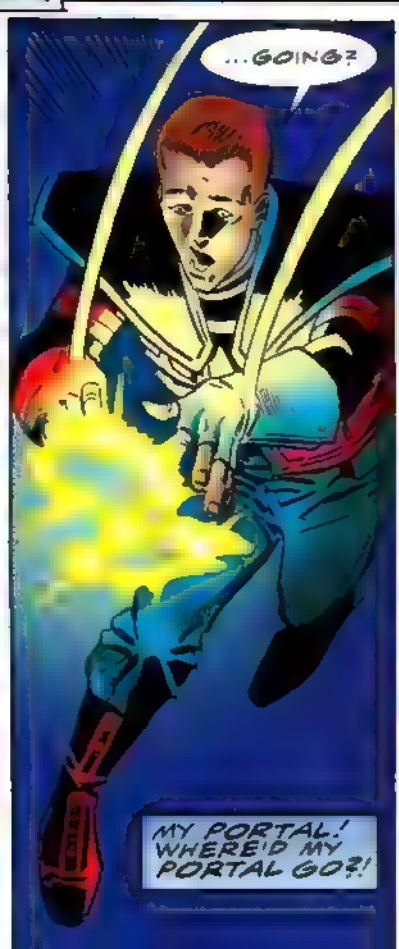
LOST YOUR FOE, OLD CHUM?
BAT-X!?!
I...I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE HERE!
HE'S NOT!
DON'T WORRY-- BETTER MEN THAN YOU HAVE BEEN FOOLED BY THE M STRESS OF DISGUISE AND DEATH!
THOK!
SHEESH! STARING LIKE THAT-- HE'S EVEN CREEPY WHEN HE'S KNOCKED OUT!
EITHER I'M STRONGER THAN I THOUGHT-- OR THIS GUY'S NAME SHOULD BE VUNDERVIMP!
THINK YER TOUGH, SISTER? TRY MOVIN' MY GIRLISH FIGURE!
WHAM!

WHAT'S THAT? BEFORE I CRUSH YOU, YOU WANT TO ADMIT I'M YOUR BETTER?
YES LET.. LET ME.. BREATHE... AND I'LL SAY... UNCLE ..
BOOM
UNCLE SAM!
THAT...THAT TOOK THE TRICKERY OF NIXON-- BUT IT WORKED!
FRAIL FREDDY RODGERS ISN'T MUCH USE HERE, THOUGH! BETTER CHANGE BACK TO--
--MNFF?!
TSK! TSK! LITTLE BOYS SHOULD BE SEEN AND NOT HEARD!


ANOTHER ONE DOWN!
OKAY, I'D SAY THINGS ARE BAD ENOUGH TO CALL IN J'ONN NOW! JUST HOPE I HAVEN'T WAITED TOO LONG TO--

THE END OF ALL THIS IS IN YOUR HANDS, MY YOUNG FRIEND.
THE BATTLE--AND YOUR COMPANIONS' SUFFERING--WILL CEASE THE MOMENT YOU AGREE TO JOIN ME!
DARKSEID! HOW'D DARKSEID GET IN HERE?!?
LIKE IT MATTERS! HE JUST PUT THE FATE OF TWO WORLDS IN MY HANDS--AND I'M LOUSY AT MAKING CAREER DECISIONS UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES!
SO I DO THE ONE THING I AM GOOD AT...

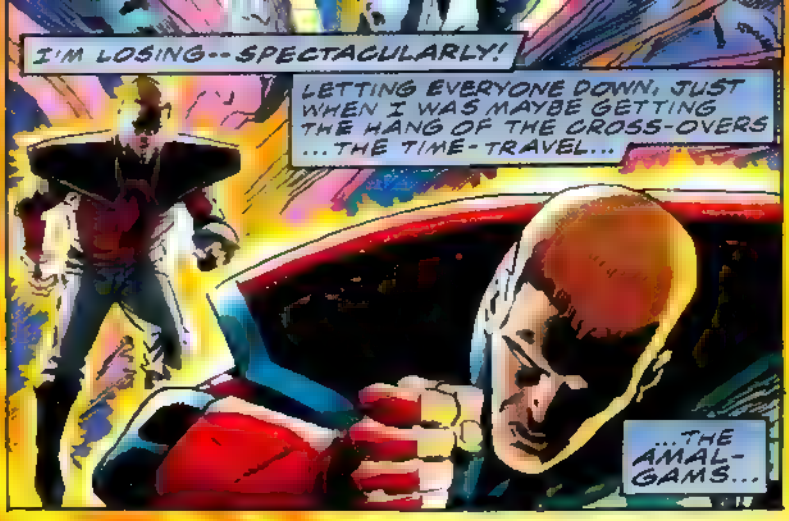
...I STALL!
WHOA--LOOK AT THE TIME! I REALLY GOT TO GET..

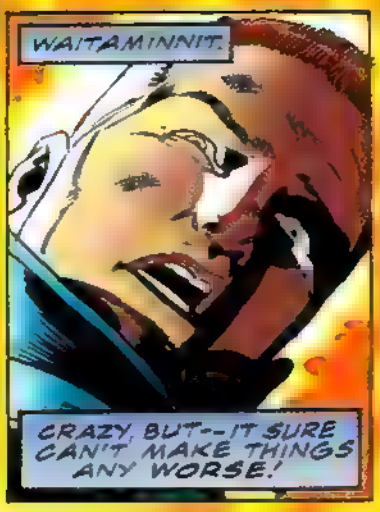

...GOING?
MY PORTAL! WHERE'D MY PORTAL GO?!

I CLOSED IT.
DON'T BE SURPRISED, ACCESS--I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT YOU'RE THINKING. I SHOULD, AFTER ALL, SINCE...

...I'M YOU!
A FUTURE YOU, ACTUALLY-- AFTER YOU JOIN DARKSEID!
THAT'S HOW WE KNEW SO MUCH ABOUT YOU, BUDDY-- WHERE YOU'D BE, WHAT YOU'D DO... EVEN ABOUT YOUR GIRLFRIEND, MING!
AIN'T TIME TRAVEL A KICK?
WITH YOU AT MY SIDE, ACCESS, I WILL BE ABLE TO MERGE UNIVERSES AND CONTROL REALITY IN WAYS THE ANTI-LIFE EQUATION NEVER COULD!
DO NOT FIGHT IT! THIS IS YOUR DESTINY!
AND IF I DON'T SELL MY SOUL TO THIS DEVIL-- I DIE A BUM!
BIG CHOICE! WHAT CAN I SAY EXCEPT...
OKAY-- LISTEN! I...
TOLD YOU!
...I REALLY NEED TO THINK THIS OVER...
WE HAVE TO DO THIS THE HARD WAY!
NOW THERE'S A PORTAL! BUT
OH! D'UH!

THIS AM JOB FOR
#1
#2
...UNFRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD SPIDER-CLONE NUMBER ONE!
DOUBLE HELIX DNA PROJECT
YOU AND YOUR "SUPER-WEIRDIES" BETTER GET READY FOR A NEW "CELL," TWO-FACE--A JAIL CELL!
I ONLY HOPE THIS DEVICE COUNTER-ACTS THE EFFECTS OF BLUE FANTASTINITE!
IT MUST, REED! IT'S OUR PAL, WYATT WINGFOOT'S ONLY CHANCE NOW THAT HE'S A LIVING TOTEM POLE!
OR--JUST PASSING THROUGH...?
WELCOME, STRANGERS--TO THE HOUSE OF MONSTERS AND HOUSE OF CREATURES!
EVERYTHING STARTS TO BLUR--BUT I'M NOT SURE IF THAT'S BECAUSE OF THE PAIN...
(NEVER KNEW I COULD HIT SO HARD!)
...OR BECAUSE OUR COMBINED ENERGIES SEEM TO BE TAKING US THROUGH SOME .. BIZARRE WORLDS'
NOT SURE IF THEY RE REAL... OR HALLUCINATIONS ..OR WHAT
BOTTLE LATVERIA
EVERY TIME WE CONNECT--THE SCENE CHANGES...
CAN BARELY STAND... EVERYTHING SPINNING...





SO I AMALGAM MYSELF WITH... ME!

WITH A TOUCH, OUR BODIES BEGIN TO... DISPLACE EACH OTHER, OUR MEMORIES FOLD TOGETHER.

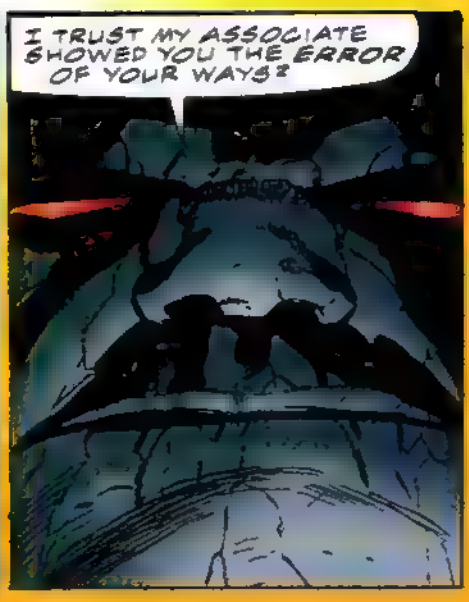
LIKE THE LAST PIECE OF A PUZZLE BEING PUT IN PLACE THERE'S A FEELING OF INEVITABILITY TO IT. AS IF THINGS HAVE FINALLY COME FULL CIRCLE.

AND THEN I THINK-- MAYBE THIS IS WHAT I'M SUPPOSED TO DO!

MAYBE THIS IS WHAT CORRUPTS ME.

TOO LATE.

YOU KNOW, I REALLY HAVE TO START THINKING AHEAD...



NEVER THOUGHT I'D REALLY SAY THIS, BUT...
...I'LL NEVER GIVE IN TO THE DARK SIDE!
WE'RE NOT GOING TO RULE THE MULTIVERSE LIKE FATHER AND SON--NOT EVEN IF YOU CUT OFF MY HAND!
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU ARE BLATHERING ABOUT, ACCESS--BUT I HAVE PREPARED FOR THIS CONTINGENCY.
AT DESAAD'S SUGGESTION, MY OMEGA BEAMS SENT MANTIS AND JUGGERNAUT TO THE FUTURE TO CAPTURE THE WOMAN YOU LOVE NAMED MING!
I GIVE YOU ONE LAST CHANCE TO SWEAR LOYALTY TO ME... OR I WILL HAND HER OVER TO APOKOLIPS'S MASTER TORTURER!
BAD NEWS, B G GUY--I ALREADY TRASHED THAT PLAN! *
AND THAT WAS BEFORE I GOT MY NEW POWER-CHOPS DOWN! TRY IT AGAIN...
...WELL, YOU'D JUST BE WASTING BOTH OUR TIME!
YEAH, AND I ALWAYS BREAK INTO A COLD SWEAT WHEN I'M SUPREMELY CONFIDENT!
*BACK IN OUR FIRST ISSUE!--"TIME PARADOX" TOM
WE SHALL SEE IF YOU ARE LYING, ACCESS--OR IF MY MINIONS HAVE INDEED FAILED...
DARKSEID! YOU... YOU CALLED US BACK TOO SOON! GIVE US ANOTHER CHANCE!
COULDN'T HAVE SAID IT BETTER MYSELF!

YOU ARE A VALIANT FOE, MAGNETO-- BUT NOTHING LESS THAN NORNONITE CAN BRING LOW THOR-EL!

OR PERHAPS A GOOD JOLT OF REALITY!

YOU DON'T REALLY EXIST! HOW CAN I GET THAT..

..THROUGH TO YOU?

KRESSH!

HEY! NO ONE TREATS ME LIKE THAT!

DO NOT ANGER HIM FURTHER, JUGGERNAUT

HOW CAN HE ANGER ME, MANTIS? MUTANTS MAY BE A STEP ABOVE MORTALS-- BUT STILL LEAGUES BELOW THE GODS!

RETURNING HIM TO HIS PROPER PLACE IN TIME AND THE PATHETIC LIFE HE HAS THERE SHALL BE PUNISH-MENT ENOU--

--NGFH!

AT LEAST MANKIND DOESN'T HIDE ITS HATRED OF US!

I FOOLISHLY BELIEVED YOUR WORDS ABOUT A MUTANT HOMEWORLD! NEVER AGAIN!
HOW SOON BEFORE YOU HERDED US INTO YOUR FIRE PITS?
:GHK!:
NOT SOON ENOUGH, OBVIOUSLY
YOU BELIEVED ONLY WHAT YOU WANTED TO BELIEVE, MAGNETO. AND NOW...
...I BELIEVE YOUR USEFULLNESS HAS ENDED!
BY RAO! I SAY THEE--
SKRASSH
FEAR NOT, MASTER! LOYAL MANTIS SHALL HOLD THIS ONE AT BAY!
SO DARKSEID STARTS SLOWLY CHOKING MAGNETO LIKE HE HAS ALL THE TIME IN THE WORLD...
...WHICH BEING IMMORTAL, I GUESS HE DOES!
AND I'M THINKING I CAN'T JUST LET SOMEONE DIE--NOT EVEN MR. I-HATE-HOMO-SAPIENS!
BUT TO STOP THIS I'D HAVE TO BE SUICIDAL... OR INSANELY LOYAL TO MAGNETO, AT LEAST.
WHERE'S THE BROTHERHOOD OF EVIL MUTANTS WHEN YOU REALLY NEED THEM?

WHAT AM I THINKING? THEY'RE RIGHT HERE!
PARDON ME, MISS, BUT IT'S TIME TO...
LET'S SEE--I'M KINDA MAKING THIS UP AS I GO ALONG...
DARKSEID'S EYES!
OH!
...SPLIT!
UNCLE SAM!
PERFECT. HE SHOULD KEEP LASHINA BUSY...
WHAT... HAPPENED? I REMEMBER NOTHING!
AS PLANNED. ONE DOWN..
THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN US, MAGNETO, IS THAT YOUR MEN WOULD FOLLOW YOU INTO THE JAWS OF DEATH OUT OF RESPECT...
...WHILE MINE WOULD LEAP INTO THOSE JAWS BECAUSE THEY FEAR ME MORE THAN DEATH ITSELF!

THAT MAY BE TRUE, DARKSEID, BUT IF YOU DON'T RELEASE MAGNETO THIS INSTANT...

...YOU'LL FIND WE'RE NOT AFRAID OF YOU!

NOW...
...AS FOR YOU, ACCESS...
I'M TOAST!
ALL THE AMALGAM HEROES ARE BUSY FIGHTING THE EVIL GODS! DARKSEID'S GONNA...
STAND TALL! I WILL NOT BE BESTED BY SOMEONE WHO SHAKES IN THEIR BOOTS!
YOU WON THE DAY--ACT LIKE IT!
...YELL AT ME?
WE ARE MUCH ALIKE, YOU AND I. WE HAVE OUR REALMS TO OVERSEE AND KEEP IN ORDER...
...WE CHOOSE OUR SOLDIERS FROM THE MEAGER STOCK AVAILABLE, RARELY BLOODYING OUR OWN KNUCKLES ON THE FRONT LINE.
AND TIME HAS NO MEANING TO EITHER OF US. A MILLENNIUM CAN PASS IN A HEARTBEAT.
BUT YOU HAVE SOMETHING I WANT--AND TODAY YOU KEPT IT FROM ME!
DO NOT LET IT GO TO YOUR HEAD! YOU HAVEN'T WON THE WAR!
ONE DAY I WILL BREAK YOU--AND RE-MAKE YOU IN MY IMAGE!
BUT NOT TODAY.
PREPARE YOUR PORTAL. I WILL GATHER THE GODS AND YOU WILL SEND US BACK TO OUR PROPER TIME AND UNIVERSE.
MY MEN WILL LICK THEIR WOUNDS... FEEL MY WRATH... AND WE SHALL MEET AGAIN ANOTHER TIME!

BOOM!
I... WON?
I BEAT DARKSEID?
I MEAN, I'M GLAD HE HAS A CODE OF HONOR...
...I JUST HOPE THAT MEANS HE'LL UNDERSTAND WHEN IT COMES TO A RE-MATCH...
...I'D REALLY RATHER NOT, THANK YOU.
ANOTHER GOOD THING ABOUT BEING THE MERCILESS DESPOT ON THE PLANETARY EQUIVALENT OF HELL...
...YOUR SUBJECTS FOLLOW ORDERS REAL WELL!
THE PARA-DEMONS AND EVIL GODS ALL LEAVE WITH A MINIMUM OF GRUMBLING, HISSING, AND VEILED THREATS.
THINGS START RETURNING TO NORMAL...
MUTANTKIND WILL BE HUNTED NO LONGER! HOMO SUPERIOR WILL INHERIT THE EARTH!
...ALMOST TOO FAST!

THE LAST THING IS RETURNING THE HEROES...
--ACHILLES AND MERCURY? ODIN'S BEARD! WHAT IS YOUR NAME AGAIN, BOY?
--AMALGAM ME AND AQUAMAN AND CALL US ICEBERG! COOL, HUH?
UH...
--EVER IN OUR UNIVERSE, WASP, I'LL HAVE TO INTRODUCE YOU TO ELASTI-GIRL!
SLAP!
THEY DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING ABOUT THEIR BRIEF LIVES AS AMALGAMS...
...AND ONCE EVERYONE'S BACK, THEY WON'T EVEN REMEMBER THIS ADVENTURE.
BUT I WON'T FORGET.
AND I WON'T FORGET THAT I DIDN'T JOIN DARKSEID. I BEAT THAT DESTINY...
...MAYBE I CAN BEAT MY DESTINY TO BECOME THE BUM, TOO!
WHY NOT? I HAVE PRETTY GOOD CONTROL OF MY POWERS NOW. I KNOW WHAT I HAVE TO AVOID...
YEAH. AND I KNOW WHAT I HAVE TO DO WHEN I GET BACK TO...

...THE PRESENT-DAY MARVELS UNIVERSE.
--HARDEST THING I'VE EVER DONE, MING.
BEEN A WANDERER ALL MY LIFE, AND NOW THAT I WANT TO STAY IN ONE PLACE--STAY WITH YOU --I CAN'T!
BUT YOU'VE ONLY BEEN HERE A FEW DAYS, AXEL...
--AND NOW YOU HAVE TO LEAVE BECAUSE IF YOU STAY IN ONE PLACE TOO LONG, TWO UNIVERSES WILL COLLAPSE TOGETHER?
THERE'S EASIER WAYS OUT OF A RELATIONSHIP, YOU KNOW! YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO OFF AND LIVE LIKE SOME... BUM!
THIS ALLEY SHOULD DO.
WAIT. HOLD IT. LISTEN TO ME.
FIRST--THE PLAN IS VERY DEFINITELY NOT TO BE A BUM!
SECOND--PEOPLE TEND TO FORGET ABOUT ME... FORGET I WAS IN THEIR LIVES.
DON'T YOU DO THAT. I LOVE YOU, MING. I'LL ALWAYS LOVE YOU.
LOVE YOU, TOO, AXEL--I JUST DON'T WANT YOU TO GO!
DO YOU KNOW WHEN YOU'LL BE BACK?
WHEN YOU LEAST EXPECT IT!
AND IF YOU ASK ME...
...IT WON'T BE SOON ENOUGH!
END.